COLLECTION OF PUBLIC EXAMINATION FEE FROM SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS.

*Q.—904. SRI R. KENCHAPPA (Pavagada) .—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are collecting the examination fee for public examinations from the Scheduled Caste students, in Middle Schools in the State;

(*b*) if so, the amount so collected as examination fee;

(*c*) whether they are aware that some poor students who were unable to pay the examination fee due to their poverty are discontinuing their studies;

(*d*) whether they would give exemption to these students from paying the examination fee ?

*A.—SRI S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education) .—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 1.50 per candidate.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) It is not considered necessary to give any exemption based on caste.

INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT.

*Q.—907. SRI S. M. GURADDI (Muddebihal) .—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent by them every year for Industrial and Agricultural Settlement of convicts in Bijapur;

(*b*) the number of convicts in the said settlement ?

*A.—SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister) .—

(*a*) The amount spent on the Industrial and Agricultural Settlement, Bijapur, for the last 5 years is as under :—

Year	*Establishment*	*Contingencies*	*Total*
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1960-61	40,991	36,724	77,715
1961-62	37,390	37,397	74,787
1962-63	30,039	28,033	58,072
1963-64	17,142	16,502	33,644
1964-65	18,524	25,180	43,704